

<b>Examiner-Initiated Interview Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b>	<b>Applicant(s)</b>	
	10/657,969	ERICKSON ET AL.	
	<b>Examiner</b>	<b>Art Unit</b>	
	Jeff H. Aftergut	1733	

**All Participants:**

(1) Jeff H. Aftergut.

(2) Nicholas Gallo.

**Status of Application:** \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

**Date of Interview:** 4 August 2006

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of Interview:**

- ☒ Telephonic  
☐ Video Conference  
☐ Personal (Copy given to: ☐ Applicant ☐ Applicant's representative)

Exhibit Shown or Demonstrated: ☐ Yes ☒ No  
 If Yes, provide a brief description: \_\_\_\_\_

**Part I.**

Rejection(s) discussed:

*Proposed rejection with Engwall references*

Claims discussed:

*1*

Prior art documents discussed:

*Engwall references*

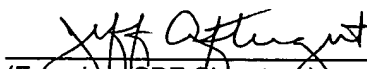
**Part II.**

**SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW DESCRIBING THE GENERAL NATURE OF WHAT WAS DISCUSSED:**

*See Continuation Sheet*

**Part III.**

- ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview directly resulted in the allowance of the application. The examiner will provide a written summary of the substance of the interview in the Notice of Allowability.  
☐ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview, since the interview did not result in resolution of all issues. A brief summary by the examiner appears in Part II above.

  
 (Examiner/SPE Signature)

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 (Applicant/Applicant's Representative Signature – if appropriate)

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was discussed: Discussed how the Engwall reference taught a tooling with a groove disposed completely about the periphery of the component being molded. Noted that while the reference was not utilizing the groove as a retaining means that the apparatus tooling as defined in the reference clearly satisfied the requirements of the claimed invention. Applicant proposed to amend claim 1 to recite the shape of the groove which included a tapered portion in such a way that the upper surface of the tooling had a greater width than the lower surface of the groove. Noted that while Engwall had a taper the groove was designed as a dovetail groove arrangement and not as a taper in the configuration as proposed. Noted that such a change would be acceptable by examiner's amendment. Additionally, noted that the method claims defend over the prior art as the composite material was removed from the tooling subsequent to the curing operation while in Brussee the reference retained the groove component as a fitting in the finished assembly. Noted that previously presented claim 9 defend over the prior art of record as none of the prior art employed both a tie down and the specified retaining feature. Noted that addition of new claims by examiner's amendment which recited the removal of the composite material from the tooling and the lay down feature therein which included the use of a tie down which was retained by the grip feature would define over the prior art of record. Note regarding the reference to Foster and Corbett et al as the reference to Foster taught away from the specified grip feature as argued by applicant..